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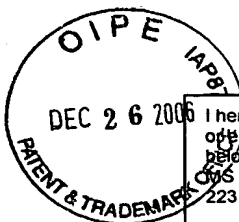
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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the following additional documents. A PTO Form SB/08 and a full copy of each of the documents required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) accompany this statement.

Applicants have become aware of the following documents, cited in a European Search Report issued November 16, 2006, during the prosecution of Application No. 03254609.5 - 1227, which corresponds to the above referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1) or (b)(3), hereby submit these documents for the Examiner's consideration. These documents are cited on the enclosed PTO Form SB/08, and a copy of the Search Report and of each document required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) cited thereon are enclosed as well.

Please note that Applicants do not cite in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement reference DE 4412451 since U.S. Patent 5,662,184, corresponding to DE 4412451, was previously submitted to the U.S. Patent Office on July 24, 2003.

Applicants have not submitted copies of each cited U.S. patent in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii). Applicants submit herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent references in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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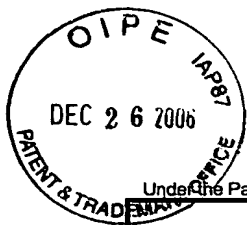
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